Then the chair called (Sriyuts H. D. Devegowda, C. Byre Gowda, Smt. Damayanthi Boregowda they were not present).

MADAM SPEAKER.—Members are not present. All their notices lapse.

Papers laid on the Table

SRI B. G. BANAKAR (Minister of State for Animal Husbandary):— I beg to lay:

Notification No. GSR 79 dated 4th March 1977. The Karnataka Sheep and Sheep Products Development Rules, 1977.

under section 34 of the Karnataka Sheep and Sheep Products Development Act, 1973.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Paper is laid.

Statement from Sri M. R. Jayaram

re.—his resignation from Congress and also as a member of the House.

SRI M. R. JAYARAM (Devanahalli).—Madam, I am saending my letter of resignation from this august House. Before I do so I want to seek your permission to make a personal statement.

MADAM SPEAKER.—The Hon. Member has given me a notice but he wants to make a statement under rule 293. Rule 293 says that a member may, with the permission of the Speaker, make a personal explanation. Does he want to make a personal explanation?

SRI M. R. JAYARAM.—Yes, Madam.

MADAM SPEAKER —Then he may make it.

SRI M. R. JAYARAM —I seek the permission of the House to make a personal statement.

I have already resigned from the Congress Legislative Party. I now very regretfully announce my resignation of the membership of this august house which had the privilege of serving for 5 years.

It has not been an easy decision to make. I belong to a family which can claim to have made a contribution, though humble, to the Congress organisation. We have a long association with the Congress. Therefore, it is not a sudden impulse that I come to this decision. But I see no alternative.